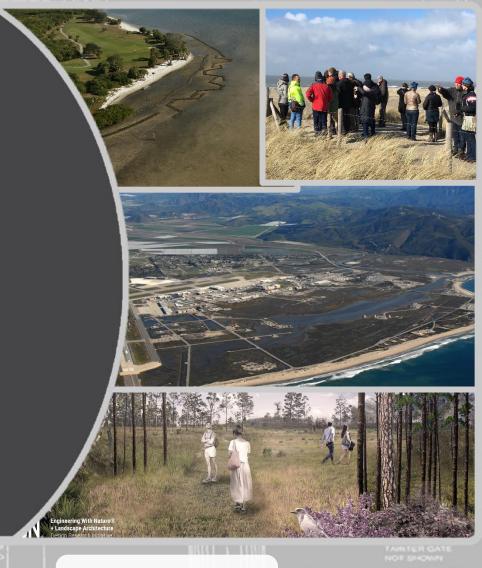


**Engineering With Nature**<sub>®</sub> at DoD Installations, Workshop Outputs

September 2021

**Workshop Results** 









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# **Engineering With Nature® at DoD Installations**



#### **Workshop Background**

Dr. Todd S. Bridges, Senior Research Scientist for Environmental Science, U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC), commissioned Toffler Associates, a futures-focused strategic advisory firm, with conducting a workshop focused on identifying opportunities and approaches for driving awareness and adoption of nature-based solutions (NBS) on DoD installations and collect perspectives on the Engineering With Nature® (EWN) initiative's role in achieving this goal.

On 24 and 25 August, 2021, over 40 individuals from across the DoD engineering community, DoD installations community, industry, non-governmental organizations, and academia gathered virtually to enhance understanding, share ideas, and explore the future of NBS and how they can contribute to mission assurance and resilience of installations along with providing environment, economic, and quality-of-life benefits to installations, their surrounding communities, and the ecosystems of which they are a part.

To begin the workshop, Dr. Bridges debunked common myths about NBS and three installations that are pursuing the implementation of NBS shared their case studies.

#### **Working Groups and Outcomes**

To help participants determine actions to take today, the workshop began by immersing them in three future scenarios that featured NBS on installations in 2050. By exploring these scenarios participants identified possible uses of NBS, the opportunities created by these solutions, and the value accrued by the installations, their residents, and the surrounding communities.

Once the possible futures were explored, participants then analyzed these futures to determine what series of events had to occur for NBS to be used as a common method of providing mission assurance, installation resilience, positive quality-of-life impacts, and environmental benefits. This allowed participants to identify the enabling actions that led to the desired futures.

The final activity was identifying what actions can be taken in the near-term that starts the DoD down the desired path of implementing NBS as options to meet installation facilities needs. Moreover, mid-term and long-term actions were also identified that would further advance the incorporation of NBS into DoD's approach to creating greater resilience for its assets.

The content of the presentations and the output of these steps are provided here.

## **Engineering With Nature® at DoD Installations – Workshop Agenda**



Day 1 Agenda – 24 August 2021	
Welcome, overview, and ground rules	0900-0905
Opening Remarks - Mr. Richard Kidd	0905-0915
EWN on DoD Installations – Setting the Stage	0915-1000
Question and Answer Session	1000-1015
BREAK	1015-1025
Live in the Future Breakout Activity	1025-1145
Closing Remarks – Dr. Todd Bridges	1145-1200

Day 2 Agenda – 25 August 2021	
Welcome, overview, and ground rules	0900-0905
Opening Remarks - Dr. Todd Bridges	0905-0915
Overview of Day 1 Value and Opportunities Identified	0915-0930
Making the Future a Reality Breakout Activity	0930-1040
BREAK	1040-1050
Action Planning Breakout Activity	1050-1150
Closing Remarks – Dr. Todd Bridges	1150-1200

### **Engineering With Nature® at DoD Installations – Workshop Summary Findings**



For NBS to become a commonly implemented infrastructure solution for the DoD, enablers must be achieved along a multitude of pathways – to include guidance, policy, standards, and cultural avenues.

Value	in an	<b>EWN</b>	<b>Future</b>

- Direct installation resilience value
- Broader installation benefits
- Enhanced local community value
- · Value to the nation and the world

### Opportunities in an EWN Future

- An ecosystem approach to NBS
- Built and natural infrastructure synthesis
- · Practitioner awareness and need for education
- Installations as proving grounds for NBS

#### **Guidance**

- Support from the EWN Initiative based on its mission, strategy, and goals
- Well-documented case studies and step-by-step guidance
- Integrated natural resource planning, design, and tools
- Alignment and collaboration of large and complex stakeholders

### Policy

- Integrated funding classifications for installations resilience and NBS
- Funding for continuous monitoring to understand efficacy and long-term impact
- Programming and agreements in place at the national level
- Financial incentives for implementation of NBS

#### **Standards**

- · Interdisciplinary Climate Resilience Working Group
- NBS specifications in the Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC) and other DoD design standards
- Cost-benefit analysis enhancements for NBS
- Common repository of NBS data and examples

#### Culture

- Senior-level champions to effect policy changes
- Installation leadership champions to support NBS
- DoD stakeholder champions to effect design and implementation
- · Future generation practitioners educated on NBS
- · NBS viewed as effective for mission assurance and installation resilience

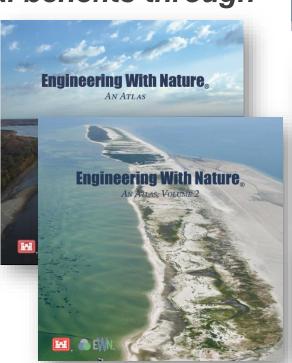
# **Engineering With Nature**®

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...the intentional alignment of natural and engineering processes to efficiently and sustainably deliver economic, environmental and social benefits through collaboration.

## Key Elements:

- Science and engineering that produces operational efficiencies
- Using natural process to maximum benefit
- Increase and diversify infrastructure value
- Science-based collaboration to organize and focus interests, stakeholders, and partners













"The mission of US Army Corps of Engineers is to deliver vital public and military engineering services; partnering in peace and war to strengthen our nation's security, energize the economy and reduce risks from disasters. Engineering With Nature supports this mission which is why it will always be an important initiative for the Corps." LTG Scott A. Spellman, 55th Chief of Engineers, Commanding General, USACE

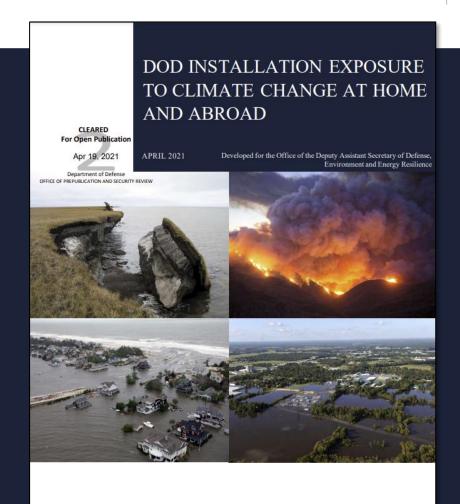
"Climate change has been identified by the DoD as a critical national security threat and a threat multiplier.

Improvements to master planning and to infrastructure planning and design are recognized as vital for reducing current and future vulnerability to climate hazards to installations..."

"Engineering With Nature® is front and center in DoD's Climate Adaptation Plan."

# Mr. Richard Kidd

Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Environment and Energy Resilience





# Myths surrounding NBS on DoD Installations

"The tried-and-true methods are adequate to combat the future."

"There are no prescribed manuals or standards for natural infrastructure."



"Total lifetime costs of natural features are exorbitant."

"Where are the demonstrated results?"

"I can't quantify return on investment (ROI) and cost/benefit."

# **Dr. Todd Bridges**

# **Engineering With Nature**® **Initiative National Lead**



MYTH	RESPONSE
"The tried-and-true methods are adequate to combat the future."	The climate threats to installations are becoming more frequent, diverse, and uncertain. This requires a suite of engineering methods that will provide flexibility, to include NBS, to combat climate impacts to mission resilience.
"There are no prescribed manuals or standards for natural infrastructure."	Engineering as a practice is a creative enterprise. Every NBS is unique and designed to meet the needs of the installation and the surrounding environment. Creativity in approach and engineering is encouraged in NBS development.
"I can't quantify ROI and cost/benefit."	The benefits and value that can be provided by NBS are diverse, ranging from engineering, economic, operational, social, and environmental outcomes. The motivating purpose and co-benefits of infrastructure (including NBS) must be accounted for holistically, and there are tools for doing this. These differences must be accounted for holistically when considering infrastructure selection.
"Total lifetime costs of natural features are exorbitant."	Lifetime costs for NBS can be less than conventional engineering, including O&M. Nature can repair itself. Conventional infrastructure cannot.
"Where are the demonstrated results?"	The suite of successful examples of natural infrastructure within and outside of the DoD is growing and include documented results against sea level rise and other challenges.

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# Section 2

**EWN at DoD Installations – Case Studies** 

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# **EWN** at DoD Installations – Practical Application







Naval Base Ventura County
Point MUGU



**Aberdeen Proving Ground** 

### **Tyndall Air Force Base**

#### These vignettes will illustrate:

- Unique installation resilience challenges posed by climate impacts
- EWN solutions in progress and mature on DoD Installations
- Environmental, societal, and cost benefits of EWN solutions
- Mission assurance/resilience related benefits
- Creativity in engineering





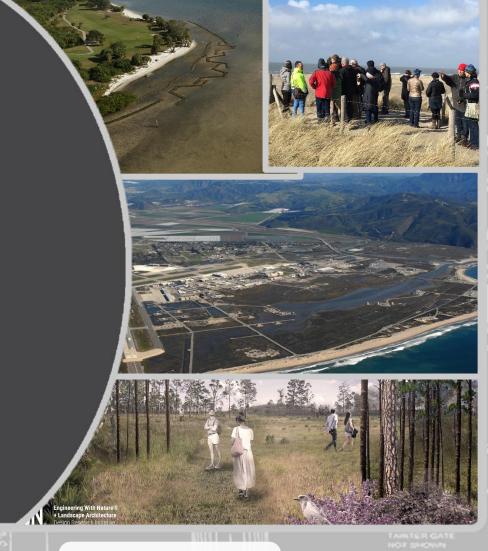
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**NAVAL BASE VENTURA COUNTY POINT MUGU** 

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Project Director, The Nature Conservancy

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# NBVC Point Mugu: Restoring Coastal Wetlands for Climate Resilience



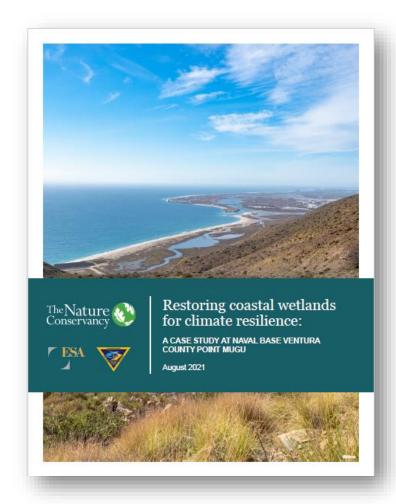
Unique partnership between Commander Navy Region Southwest (CNRSW) and The Nature Conservancy.

NBVC is vulnerable to multiple coastal hazards, with a large portion of its built and natural assets projected to convert to open water by 2060.

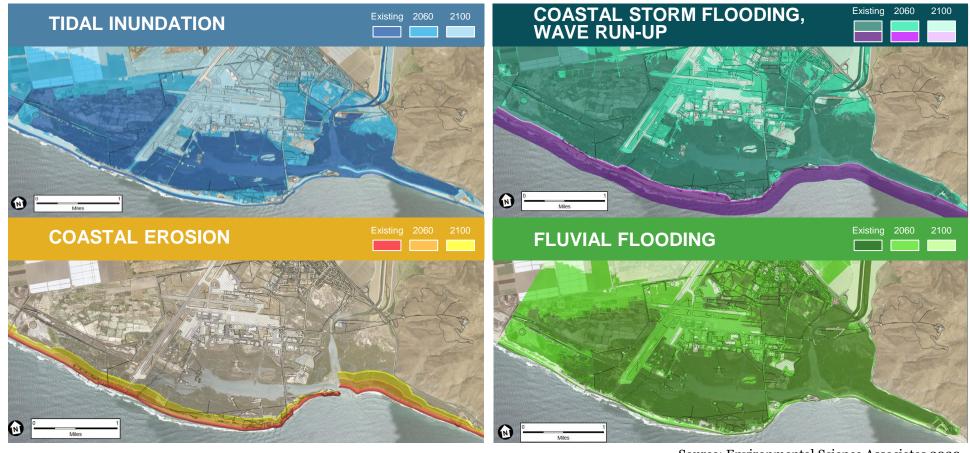
Point Mugu is home to one of the largest remaining salt marsh habitats in southern California, which serve as critical buffers to base assets and support critical biodiversity.

#### **Adaptation Vision:**

- Balances defense in place and relocation with restoration.
- Recognizes that relocation with restoration is the only option for long-term resilience that meets the military mission and ecological goals.
- Traditional hardening accelerates erosion and habitat loss and is reserved only for critical assets essential in their current location.
- Reduces asset footprint by 30% and creates 700 acres of space for restoration, significantly reducing vulnerability to current and future hazards.
- Couples nature-based strategies *inside* and *outside* the fence line for greater installation and regional resilience.



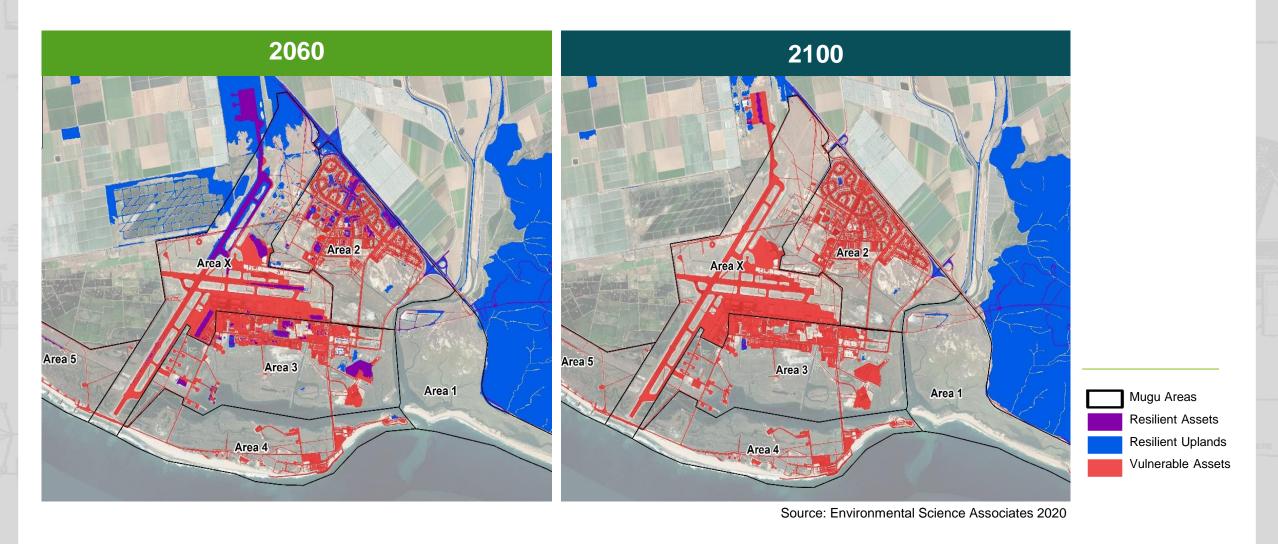
# Without Action, NBVC Assets are Vulnerable to Erosion and Flooding



Source: Environmental Science Associates 2020

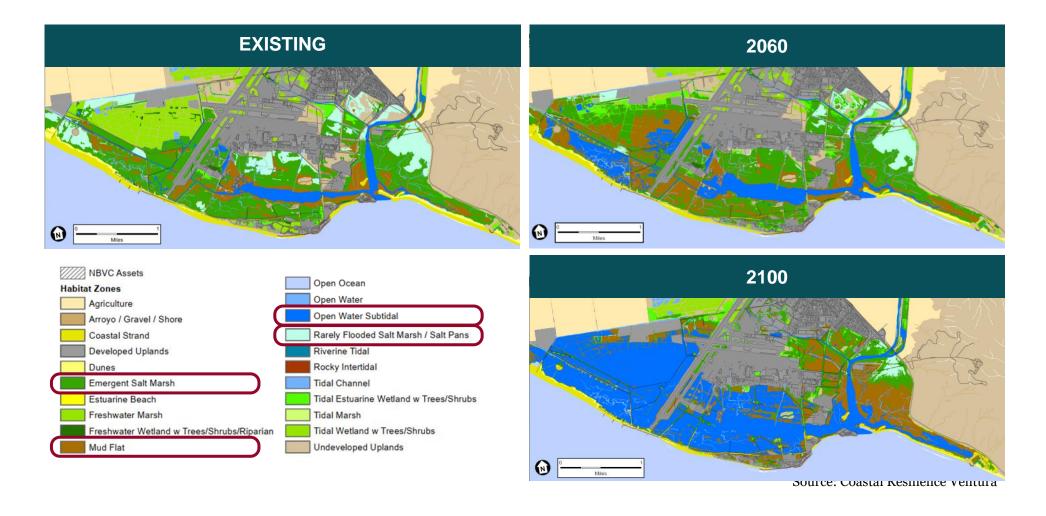
# Asset Vulnerability and Resilience at Mugu





# Without Action, Salt Marsh is Lost with Sea-level Rise, a Critical Buffer to Base Assets





# **Adaptation Vision**











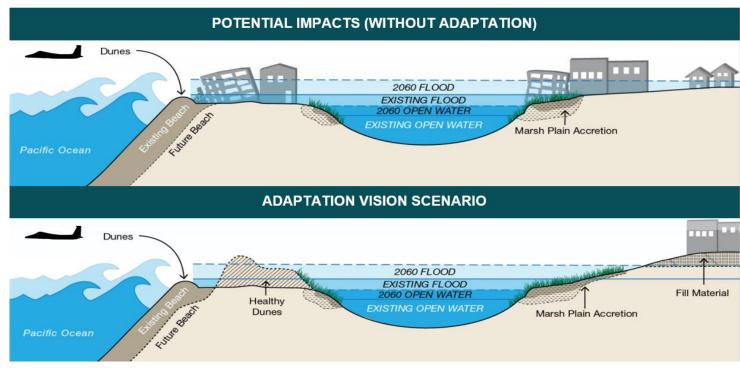




# **Major Takeaways**



- Relocation with restoration provides long-term resilience to meet the military mission and ecological goals.
- Traditional hardening accelerates erosion and habitat loss, reducing capacity for protective services.
- Consideration of hybrid solutions is critical; necessity to defend critical assets in essential locations.
- Opportunity for nature-based strategies for flood protection 700+ acres for coastal habitat migration and restoration.
- Nature-based strategies *inside* and *outside* the fence line enhance regional and installation resilience.



Source: Environmental Science Associates 2020





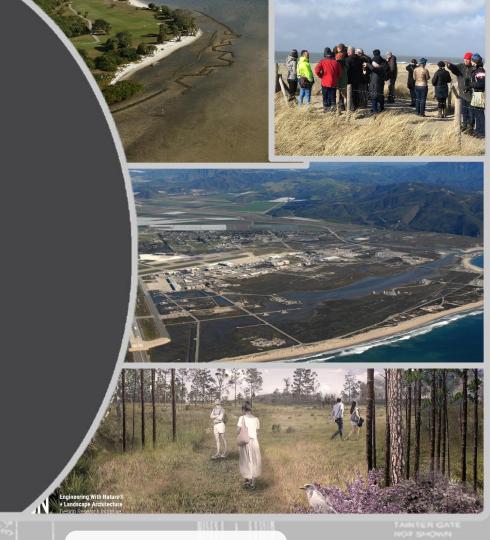
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**Aberdeen Proving Ground – Upper Chesapeake Bay Coastal Resilience Plan** 

Sam Whitin, CERP

EA Engineering, Science, and Technology

**AUGUST 24, 2021** 











# **US Army Aberdeen Proving Grounds**

# Coastal Resilience Regional Planning

Regional planning process to protect installation mission as well as community assets

Relative sea level rise is occurring at rapid rate in the Chesapeake

#### **Unique features of the installation/EWN solution:**

- Plan looked at *regional* vulnerabilities and NNBF adaptation opportunities.
- Chesapeake Security Corridor (Office of Local Defense Community Cooperation) funding was a unique approach to providing support.
- Similar funding approach is being mimicked at USMC Parris Island, Norfolk, Newport, and other communities.
- Opportunities to reuse sediment will reduce costs in implementing regional adaptation efforts and reduce costs associated with navigational improvement projects while also ensuring mission success.
- Recreational, ecological, and infrastructure needs all pointed heavily to using NNBF to build resiliency to protect the military mission and surrounding community.

#### **IMPACTS FOR SEA LEVEL RISE**

2050

2100

Impacted Area

11-34% | 16-46%

Impacted Infrastructure\*

up to 135

up to **217** 

Calculation based solely on number of structures and buildings impacted

#### CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE













Military Ranges/ Training Areas

Airfields

Railroads

Roads

Substations

#### OTHER CONCERNS



Critical Area Buffers



with Special

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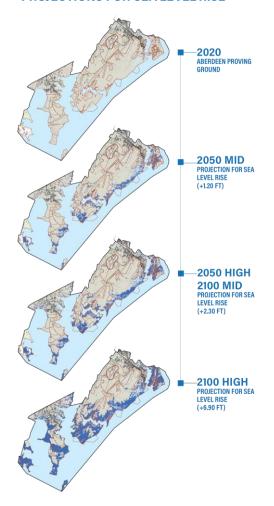


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# US Army Aberdeen Proving Grounds Coastal Resilience Regional Planning

#### PROJECTIONS FOR SEA LEVEL RISE



- High availability of sediment within the region suggested that re-use of sediment in developing NNBF strategies would likely be a priority
  - Focus on thin-layer placement and marsh restoration/creation
- Protection of transportation and neighboring community assets ensures that APG installation is accessible during a flood/storm emergency to ensure mission success
- Challenges:
  - Working with installation needs as well as those of 3 neighboring counties
  - Protecting sensitive installation information within a public planning document

Ideas in the Plan aren't useful until implemented – follow through is critical.



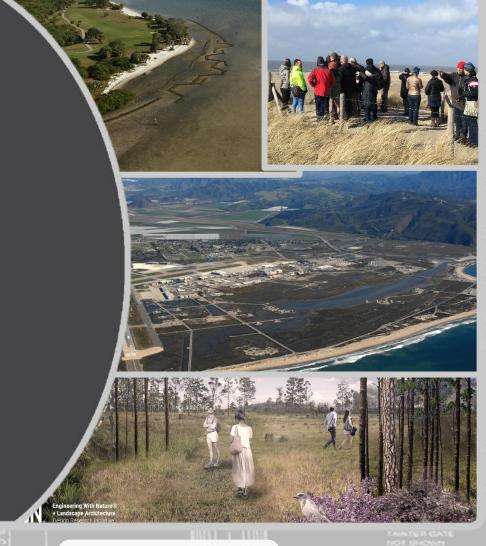
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TYNDALL AFB COASTAL RESILIENCE

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# **Tyndall AFB Coastal Resilience Overview**

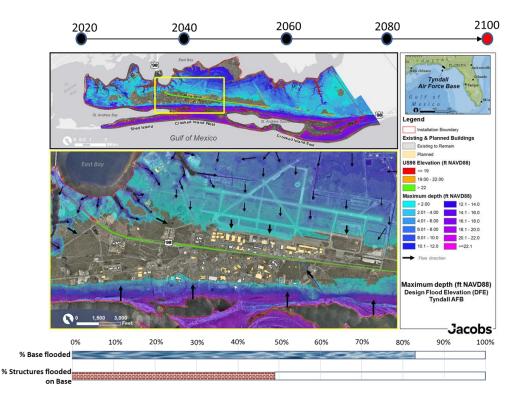


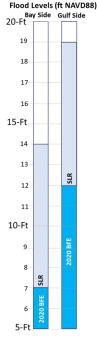
#### **Tyndall AFB Features:**

- Low-Lying Peninsula w/ ~40mi coastline
  - Gulf of Mexico and St Andrews Bay
- Prone and vulnerable to:
  - Hurricanes
  - Sea Level Rise

#### **Tyndall AFB Coastal Resilience Background:**

- USAF charged by Congress to make TAFB a resilient base after \$4B Infrastructure Rebuild Appropriation.
  - Funding not sufficient for anything outside of infrastructure (e.g., buildings, flight lines)
- USAF funded study to evaluate coastal resilience alternatives and funding solutions outside MILCON.
  - Quick realization that there was broad support for a non-traditional approach from outside Gov't agencies, local/state agencies, and private organizations
- USAF funded second one-year effort to explore outside funding opportunities and further refine coastal resilience concept.



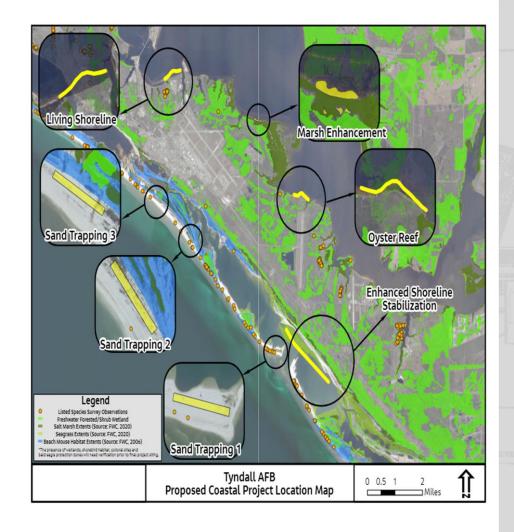


# **Tyndall Coastal Resilience Pilot Projects**

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### **Tyndall AFB Engineering With Nature:**

- TAFB plans on executing 4 major pilot projects and monitoring their outcomes for larger scale implementation.
- TAFB developed and planned a multi-pronged approach based on environmental characteristics & geography of the base.
- Nature-based solutions were specifically targeted due to low lifecycle costs, numerous co-benefits, modeling & simulation outcomes, extensive interest and financial support from external stakeholders, and the expected flood risk reduction which provides mission assurance.

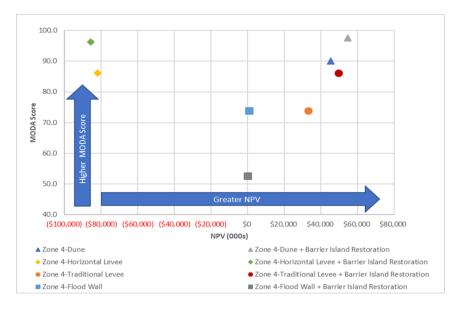


# **TAFB Coastal Resilience Challenges & Benefits**



#### **Tyndall AFB EWN Challenges & Benefits:**

- USAF leadership needed data to understand what EWN could bring to the fight (new concept).
  - Detailed modeling and analysis completed to show flood risk reduction or improved mission assurance
  - ROI projected
- Concern from TAFB personnel about the magnitude of the rebuild and concurrent EWN implementation (i.e., environmental and maintenance).
  - Data provided to show positive NPV in most cases vs. hefty O&M budget in out-years
  - Environmental permitting can be handled outside of rebuild
- Concern from TAFB leadership about funding.
  - To date over \$10M in in-kind contributions identified
  - Awarded \$4.8M in FY21
  - Targeting \$16.1M in FY22
- Too many benefits to list (see graphic on right).
  - TAFB Coastal Resilience & EWN recognized with International Award



#### **Measures of Success**

The pilot projects are either small-scale construction projects or feasibility studies with the intent to learn from them so successful approaches can be scaled up for future coastal restoration projects.





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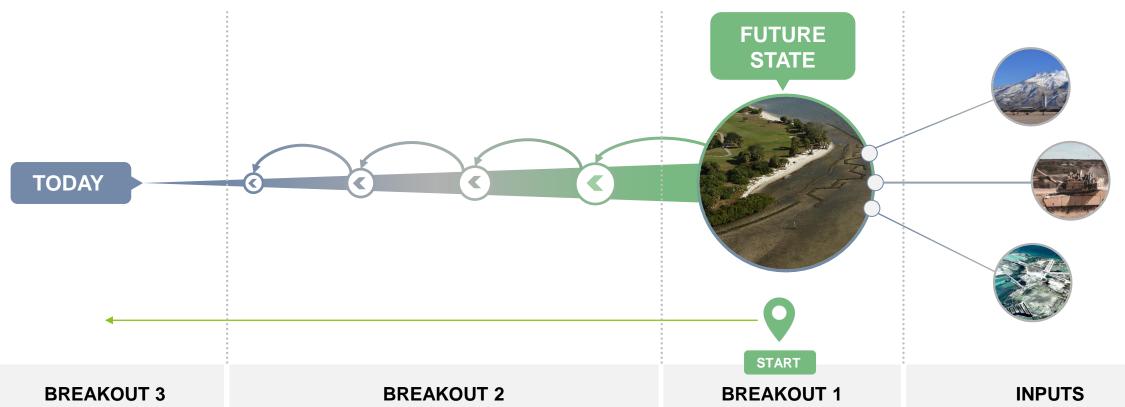
# Section 3 Exploring Future EWN Scenarios

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# Immersing in an EWN Future



Participants were immersed in future scenarios through three targeted breakout sessions to envision possibilities, opportunities, and value of mature NBS.



### Determine near-term actions that

influence the development of the enablers to make the futures real

Identify sequence and types of enablers that occurred during the preceding years that supported the appropriate use of NBS on DoD installations

Explore the impacts and value of NBS and determine additional possibilities

Three "alternate futures" scenarios where NBS support mission assurance and installation resilience

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# Immersing in an EWN Future



Participants were presented with three fictional 2050 scenarios that illustrated the value and opportunities presented by NBS on DoD installations in the future.

Naval Air Station Curry

Gulf Coast, US

Fort Allen Midwest, US

Prince Air Force Base Rocky Mountains, US



A coastal naval air installation challenged by rising sea levels and more frequent climate extreme weather events, to include hurricanes and storm surge.



A large midwestern US Army installation with a large maneuver and training footprint. This installation is increasingly susceptible to drought and subsequent impacts.



A mountainous USAF installation facing increased impacts from frequent wildfires that threaten flight operations, maintenance, and testing of key R&D systems.

# **Values and Opportunities of EWN in the Future**



Participants brainstormed	the following values and opportunities
derived from NBS in present day	y and were exhibited in the future scenarios.

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<b>Value</b>	Opportunities	
Direct installation resilience value	An ecosystem approach to NBS	
Broader installation benefits beyond resilience	Built and natural infrastructure synthesis	
Enhanced local community value	Practitioner awareness and the need for education	
Value to the nation and the world	Installations as proving grounds for NBS	



### Value in an EWN Future



#### **INSTALLATIONS – DIRECT**

The most direct requirement for any facilities solution is to support mission assurance and resilience of installations related to their missions. Direct alternatives or complementary NBS to conventional infrastructure are available to meet these core requirements.

#### **EXAMPLES**

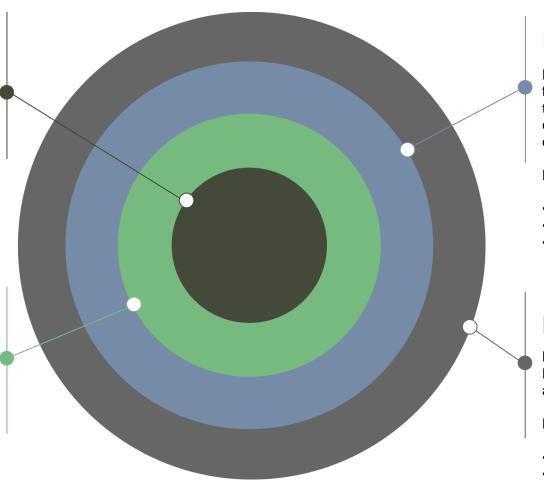
- Mission assurance
- Installation resilience

#### **INSTALLATIONS – BROAD**

NBS present value beyond the traditionally quantifiable measures of conventional infrastructure. These "co-benefits" must be considered when making decisions about engineering solution implementation.

#### **EXAMPLES**

- · Economic benefits
- · Quality of Life (QoL) benefits
- · Reputational improvement
- Avoided losses



#### **LOCAL COMMUNITIES**

NBS, and their associated benefits, don't follow fence lines and jurisdictional boundaries; therefore, when implemented, the value of NBS can also extend to local communities that are part of each installation's ecosystem.

#### **EXAMPLES**

- · Community resilience
- Economic benefits (e.g., agriculture, tourism)
- Community-based QoL benefits

#### NATION AND WORLD

Beyond the local ecosystems and communities, NBS can contribute to reducing climate impacts on a national and global scale..

#### **EXAMPLES**

- CO2 sequestration
- · Habitat and species preservation
- Pollinator revitalization
- Improved air and water quality



# **Opportunities in an EWN Future**



Opportunities	Definition
An ecosystem approach to NBS	NBS and infrastructure do not follow the boundaries of installation fence lines and silos of organizational ownership. Engineering <i>with</i> nature means following geographical contours, ecosystem processes, and climate patterns; local communities will have to be part of the solution.
Built and natural infrastructure synthesis	NBS and conventional infrastructure must be considered in concert when considering the future of installation and mission resilience. NBS need to be considered and implemented when careful attention has been given to the full scope of the problem, and objectives can be met through both built and natural infrastructure investment.
Practitioner awareness and the need for education	Practitioners, engineers and the broader DoD community would benefit from a greater awareness and education around NBS. Like any new concept, adoption of NBS will require a basic understanding of concepts, approaches and value.
Installations as proving grounds for NBS	The scale and ecologically diverse locations of DoD installations, along with a more centralized regulatory structure, make them good candidates to be proving grounds for NBS.

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### **Enablers for EWN from Across the DoD**



Participants identified key enablers that would spark growth of EWN and NBS across the DoD, as exhibited in the scenarios.

Guidance	Policy	<b>Standards</b>	Culture
<b>G1)</b> Support from the EWN Initiative based on its mis strategy, and goals	P1) Integrated funding classifications for installations resilience and NBS	S1) Interdisciplinary Climate Resilience Working Group	C1) Senior-level champions to effect policy changes
<b>G2)</b> Well-documented case s and step-by-step guidan	ce monitoring to understand	S2) NBS specifications in the Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC) and other DoD design	C2) Installation leadership champions to support NBS
<b>G3)</b> Integrated natural resour	efficacy and long-term impact	standards	C3) DoD stakeholder champions to effect design and
planning, design, and too	ols P3) Programming and agreements in place at the national level	S3) Cost-benefit analysis enhancements for NBS	implementation
<b>G4)</b> Alignment and collaborations large and complex stakeholders	ion of  P4) Financial incentives for implementation of NBS	S4) Common repository of NBS data and examples	C4) Future generation practitioners educated on NBS
			C5) NBS viewed as effective for mission assurance and installation resilience



# Guidance



	Enabler	Definition	Next Steps
G1)	Support from the EWN Initiative based on its mission, strategy, and goals	A clear chartering document that describes the EWN's mission, strategy, goals, and objectives in context of the DoD and expansion of efforts across the DoD. Provides clarity to DoD installation stakeholder on the scope and expectations of the EWN Initiative	<ul> <li>Conduct outreach to understand DoD community wants/needs from EWN initiative</li> <li>Craft mission/strategy and objectives for program execution across DoD</li> </ul>
G2)	Well-documented case studies and step-by-step guidance	Creation of case studies with detailed qualitative and quantitative benefits provided by the solution – to include benefits inside/outside the fence line, performance of solution. Additionally, step-by-step or how to guides that instruct on NBS implementation, challenge areas, and key stakeholders.	<ul> <li>Identify more mature NBS and document robust case studies</li> <li>Format case studies to convey relevant and critical aspects of NBS,to include specifications and performance metrics for NBS and integrated/hybrid systems that are complementary to specifications and metrics for conventional measures</li> <li>Create NBS implementation guidance</li> <li>Monitor NBS implementation progress and update guidance over time</li> </ul>
G3)	Integrated Natural Resource Planning, Design, and Tools	Natural resource planning tools and templates that integrate NBS into larger installations resilience planning. These tools need to be widely applicable across the DoD portfolio to chart the course for NBS implementation as part of larger resilience efforts. The tools would link resilience goals, threats, and environmental conditions to potential NBS options and support planning and design of the solutions.	<ul> <li>Understand current resilience planning tools and template landscape</li> <li>Identify areas for synergy and inclusion of NBS</li> <li>If necessary, develop new templates for installation resilience planning that include NBS as part of a suite of solutions</li> <li>Develop NBS report card to evaluate progress and build robust solution performance database</li> </ul>
G4)	Alignment and collaboration of large and complex stakeholders	Gathering and aligning the diverse landscape of stakeholders involved in NBS solution implementation on DoD property toward common objectives. This includes stakeholders from localized installations and communities to national level policymakers.	<ul> <li>Conduct stakeholder mapping and inventory to identify key groups</li> <li>Formalize the interaction process through working groups or regular interactions to facilitate progress on key issues</li> </ul>





	Enabler	Definition	Next Steps
P1)	Integrated funding classifications for installations resilience and NBS	Currently, funding lines for natural infrastructure and ecosystem management are separate from installation resilience funding. Creation of integrated funding lines or inclusion of NBS under larger installation resilience funding may open other avenues for use and implementation.	<ul> <li>Explore the levers and drivers for NBS solution funding and ability to integrate with resilience funding</li> <li>Find areas of synergy and common goals between different funding organizations</li> <li>Scope possible funding agreement construction</li> </ul>
P2)	Funding for continuous monitoring to understand efficacy and long-term impact	One of the main challenges with solutions selections and implementation, whether conventional or NBS, is a lack of long-term understanding of performance. When these solutions are programmed, there must be funding lines included for the continued monitoring and evaluation of the solution over time to support future efforts and planning of similar solutions across installations.	<ul> <li>Ensure funding at project initiation for long-term project evaluation (engineering performance, operations and maintenance cost analysis, capturing different dimensions of value, etc.)</li> </ul>
P3)	Programming and agreements in place at the national level	Creating policy from higher level DoD or USG authorities that would require consideration of natural infrastructure options as part of the project planning process in DoD and USG projects would create more opportunities for NBS expansion. Additionally, examining and leveraging current DoD policies that are not being used or enacted to broaden NBS adoption. These policies would begin the process of institutionalizing NBS for creating resilience.	<ul> <li>Explore the levers and drivers for NBS policies at the national level; i.e., across DoD and other USG agencies</li> <li>Develop strategies to drive policy formulation and adoption requiring consideration of NBS during planning</li> </ul>
P4)	Financial incentives for implementation of NBS	Creation of "community-based funding" where costs are shared across the DoD installation with local governments, NGOs, or other agencies that stand to benefit from implementation of the solution. Leveraging the idea that NBS benefits extend beyond fence lines to impact the community.	<ul> <li>Explore the levers and drivers for NBS solution funding</li> <li>Engage senior champions in DoD, legislative, and local ecosystems to propose financial structures</li> <li>Guide development of incentive programs with willing senior champion partners</li> </ul>





	Enabler	Definition	Next Steps
S1)	Interdisciplinary Climate Resilience Working Group	Unify climate resilience working groups across services to actively share information about initiatives and projects using NBS to support Services' efforts to increase resilience.	<ul> <li>Define a working group charter</li> <li>Identify cross-Service stakeholders</li> <li>Host regular working group discussions to identify common objectives, share ideas and examples, and identify EWN points of synergy</li> </ul>
S2)	NBS specifications in the Unified Facilities Criteria (UFC) and other DoD design standards	One of the many challenges that engineers, and landscape designers run in to is a lack of specific unified facilities criteria that would inform NBS planning and implementation. Efforts to create an NBS specific UFC would reduce barriers for designers and engineers to NBS introduction and implementation	<ul> <li>Identify key stakeholders across DoD engineering community and the Services</li> <li>Collect information from existing NBS guidance, literature, and data to inform UFC/design guidance content</li> <li>Host discussions on necessary UFC revisions and finalize guidance for broad distribution</li> </ul>
S3)	Cost-benefit analysis enhancements for NBS	Practical cost-benefit analysis tools, information, specifications, and values and making them easily accessible to practitioners via the EWN network and website.	<ul> <li>Work with existing NBS pilot projects (e.g., Tyndall AFB) to document and share their cost-benefit evaluations among practitioners across the Services.</li> <li>Post templates and tools in widely accessible location</li> <li>Collect engineering performance, operational cost, and benefit data to augment UFC and cost-benefit models</li> </ul>
S4)	Common repository of NBS data and examples	A singular location that houses feature data, implementation guides, and performance metrics for engineers and landscape designers looking for quick and easy access resources.	<ul> <li>Build a repository of all NBS projects on DoD installations</li> <li>Build a repository with robust engineering, performance, and cost/benefit data</li> </ul>

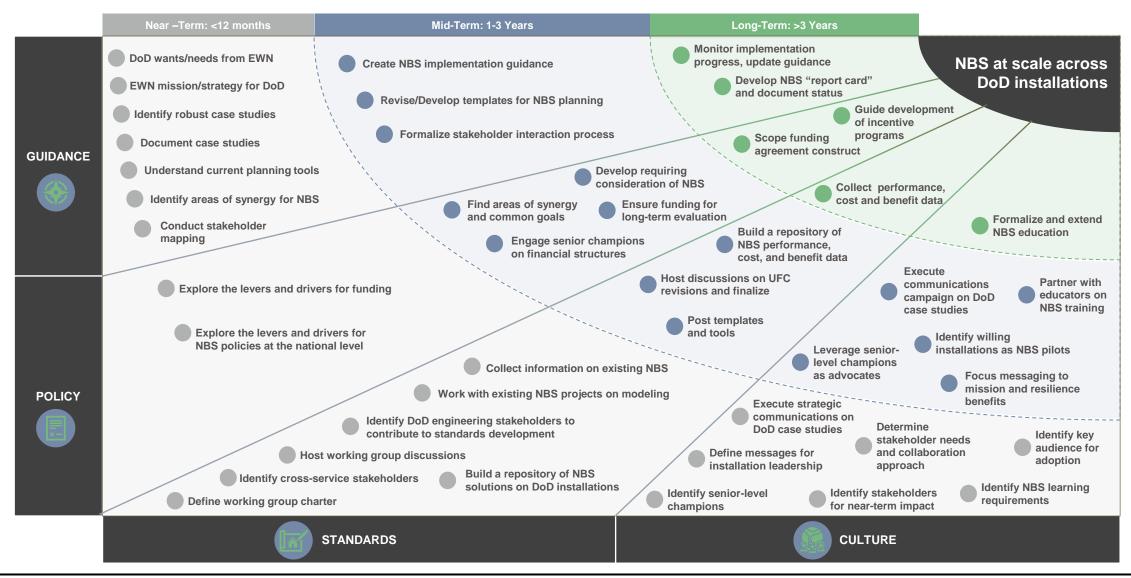




	Enabler	Definition	Next Steps
C1)	Senior-level champions to effect policy changes	Find senior decisionmakers in the DoD with mindsets focused on expansion, utilization, and openness to nature as a solution to installation resilience challenges.	<ul> <li>Identify potential senior-level champions (Congress, DoD etc.)</li> <li>Leverage champions as advocates for NBS policy, funding, and culture changes</li> </ul>
C2)	Installation leadership champions to support NBS solutions	Managing culture, mindsets, and approach needs to be considered at the individual installation level, where individual installation commanders and Department of Public Works have large influence over what happens inside the fence line.	<ul> <li>Define messages that will resonate with individual installation leadership</li> <li>Execute strategic communications around DoD installation case studies</li> <li>Identify willing installations for NBS pilots for EWN R&amp;D and pilot projects</li> </ul>
C3)	DoD stakeholder champions to effect design and implementation	Most senior DoD decision makers are unfamiliar with NBS and may consider them as "nice to haves" rather than providing critical support to installation resilience and personnel well-being. Directed efforts to increase awareness and educate key stakeholders regarding NBS would increase consideration of those solutions.	<ul> <li>Identify key stakeholders who can impact near-term implementations of NBS</li> <li>Perform outreach to stakeholders to determine needs and collaboration opportunities</li> <li>Execute strategic communications campaign around DoD case studies</li> </ul>
C4)	Future generation practitioners educated on NBS	NBS need to be exposed and contextualized to the next generation of installation planners, engineers, and managers. Training courses or seminars targeted at education of DoD practitioners will influence future builds and projects.	<ul> <li>Identify learning requirements for baseline understanding of NBS</li> <li>Partner with Service academies and other education opportunities to incorporate NBS-focused training</li> <li>Formalize and extend NBS education to certifications and degrees</li> </ul>
C5)	NBS viewed as effective for mission assurance and installation resilience	NBS may currently be perceived as requirements that must be met rather than tools that can harness natural capabilities to enhance mission resilience.	<ul> <li>Identify key audience as leverage points for adoption of NBS on DoD installations</li> <li>Shift messaging to focus on nature's ability to provide resilience and tie directly to mission assurance; emphasize direct benefits</li> </ul>

# The Path to Scaling NBS





# **Summary Impactful Actions**



Effort	Near-term	Long-term	
Guidance	Develop tools and templates to assist in implementation for DoD practitioners	Facilitate pilot project expansion and growth using those tools and templates	
Policy	Identify and engage with influential targets across DoD, Capitol Hill, and on individual installations	Influence DoD policy that requires or mandates consideration or inclusion of NBS in installation planning and design. Influence creation of dedicated resilience funding lines for NBS on DoD installations	
Standards Standards	Facilitate NBS standards and UFC development for use by DoD practitioners	Refine standards, UFC, and associated templates with additional NBS performance data and understanding over time	
Culture	Develop strategic engagement materials that highlight current successes to demonstrate ROI based on current knowledge and understanding	Develop the business case for NBS featuring integrated cost-benefit models that include value of co-benefits and avoided/averted loss value when utilizing NBS	



# **Live in the Future Breakout - Initial Summary Findings**



Opportunities	Value	Challenges

- Nature doesn't see boundaries There are opportunities to take regional approaches to solution design and implementation across DoD to overcome boundaries and silos.
- Natural and built infrastructure synthesis –
   With changing installations landscapes, there are opportunities to unite natural and built infrastructure approaches.
- Awareness and education Creation of more awareness and education around DoD successes.

- Collective value of natural infrastructure—
   The future requires the ability to quantify the value of ecosystem services, to include historically unquantified elements.
- Quantify the value of avoided losses Being able to quantify the value of avoided losses in addition to added value can present more comprehensive value proposition.
- Installations as proving grounds for natural solutions, not barriers - Installations are a great place to test novel NBS. Installations can be a proving ground for NBS

- Aware, aligned, and supportive leadership –
  The future presents challenges of aligning and
  gaining support of the broad, necessary
  stakeholders across DoD.
- Policy and funding alignment Ensuring there is future alignment across services and with DoD priorities.

 Scale of the challenge – The scale of the challenge can be complex, given the many intersecting variables, policies, stakeholders, and cultures and attitudes that populate the future landscape.

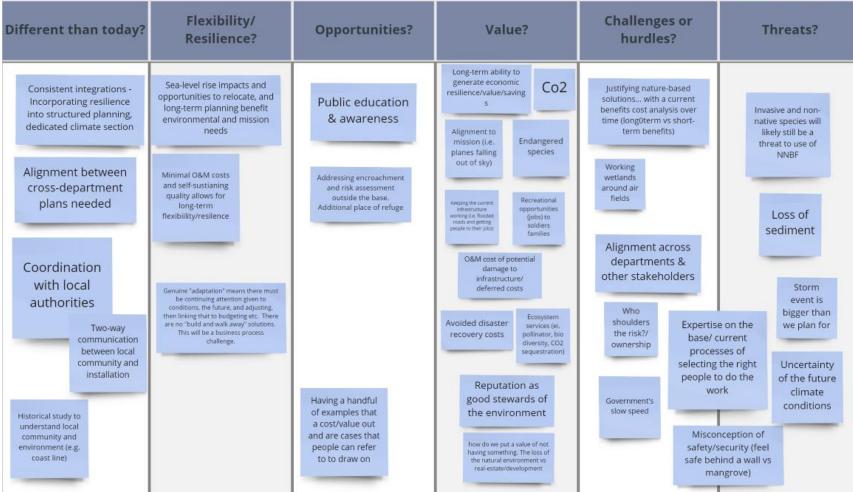
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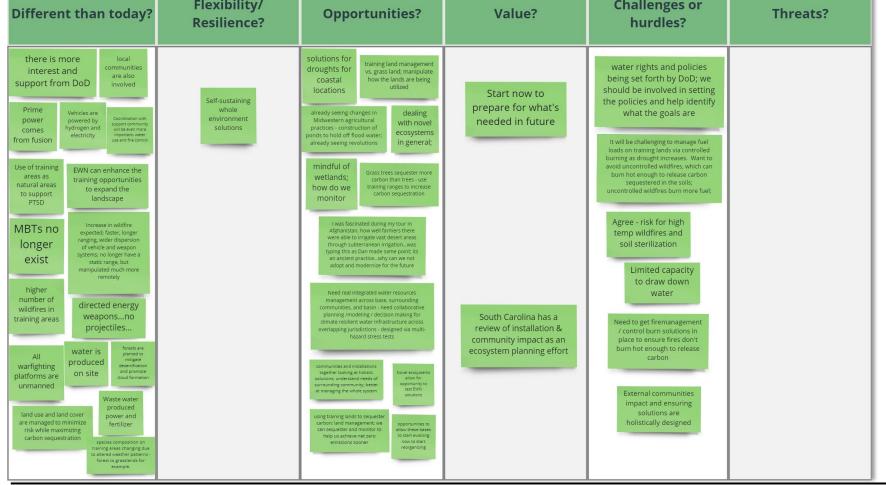




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### Different than today?

Drier conditions

inititially

high technology (drones,

space based, AI) to

understand geology &

vulnerabilities

#### Flexibility/ Resilience?

environment that allows natural and other resources to work together

natural resources buildings solutions

Comprehensive specific picture and processes for space based sensors - understanding What might not be a bright

idea today, may not be a bright idea tomorrow! - What will their future conditions look like?

Understanding the evolution of native species and what to invest in

Used EWN as the primary strategy for external land management

# integrated built

indigenous climates solutions based on; more than land management-- also how you place/define

assessment of natural biology to mimic solutions -emulate nature to greatest extent for resilience

shade/dayl ight/heat reduction

#### **Opportunities?**

#### Manage surface water - "slow store/infiltrate"

Opportunities to recharge and reuse groundwater to create water buffers

Fuel reduciton partnerships with surrounding lands

Multi funded fuel management program on the landscape scale

fire: impact on neighbors that impact installation. Vegetation impacts. Other land owners can negatively impact installation itself -- work with your neighbrors to understand tools and essen impacts. Fund opportunities on non-DoD land

Value in est of natural water storage features that could address future mission needs and drought resistance (part of ecosystem planning)

#### Value?

#### esilience against Promote climate threats give greatest snowpack protection for mission

have interests in military owned land

kev civilian supporting infrastructure also needs to be resilient.

an installation is provide value by being a long-duration stable

inter-disciplinary team to plan/execute projects with local community. Institutionalize organizational change to be able to make a living plan and continue it.

for other military decisions/actions if as a reasonable player, what are the metric

collaborations -- understand desires of other groups to fit their efforts into DoD. Sometime NOT being the lead organization can be an DoD desires around theirs - more effective fo ommunity buy-in. Change the nature of DoD-State-Local-NGO partnerships

to look at natural resources outside

level of actions to look at things that

can adversely impact DoD

Challenges or hurdles?

#### Need to look at what others are doing as well in surrounding jurisdictions

Addressing threats that we haven't seen previously... drought of past may not be the problem of the future - need constant vulnerability analysis

embrace/understand integrated natural resource management plan -- tool to help shape resiliency. Engage different departments within military installation. Make sure in-ramps in future clearly articulate/analyze impacts of climate change into future. Living annually

ecosystem level scale planning funding lines -- why are their disparate funding lines? Should there be a single funding line allocated to grey AND green? Current natural resources funding are slim. Needs DoD internal look at funding allocations

#### Threats?

storm water - permeable surfaces - water table - all come with a properly functioning ecosystem. Enhance that makes ecosystem more resilient to things like bugs that create "kindling" by killing vegetation

maintenance as longterm threat: system for maintenance needed. Must dedicate resources to do things properly now and in the future.

what happens outside the fenceline impacts inside the fenceline more than people realize -



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## **Partnerships**

## **Enablers**

### **Standards**

### Culture

- Regional partnership forums - Bringing to bear regional forums for collaboration with local stakeholder groups.
- Establish stakeholder groups inside and outside the fence line – Identify the champions and key players in partner ecosystems.
- Leverage existing interagency partners - Finding willing partners to continue to engage with

- **Integrated installation natural** resource planning - Conduct joint planning efforts with local communities and across the Department.
- Near irrefutable case studies that illustrate proof of efficacy - Develop bank of case studies that quantitatively prove solution efficacy.
- Step by step guidance Develop how-to guides based off past successes (Tyndall AFB).
- Policy enablers encourage NBS implementation and funding.

- NBS specific UFC required A unified facilities criteria specifically addressing natural features is needed.
- **Continuous monitoring** mechanisms - Creation of efforts to collect performance metrics over long timescales for all infrastructure systems, including NBS.
- **Cost-benefit analysis** improvements - Cultivate new ways to quantify benefits, to include loss avoidance calculus and habitat restoration.
- Common repository of NBS and performance data.

- Continue to get in front of decision makers to change mindsets – Recognizing the key pulse points across the department and continuing to brief at energy, environment, and infrastructure events.
- Strategically marketing **solution efficacy** – Conduct strategic marketing efforts around identifying solution efficacy. Create messaging that illustrates data and end results.
- Changing mentality of installation leadership -Pursuing a change in attitudes around installation resilience and natural infrastructure.



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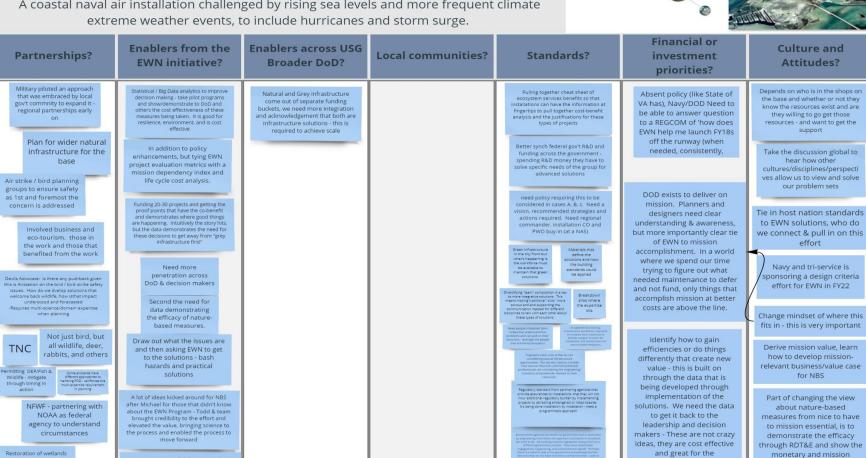
practices for different geographies and mission areas, especially any

lessons learned to deal with

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#### **Enablers from the** Partnerships? **EWN** initiative?

natural resource conservation services; partner experts who have experience in agriculture, national forest service etc

host of former legacy and partners under NEPA that we can partner with: organizations that understand how land is being used

Cities, counties, states as partners for development of mutual resilience

with local and state authorities (already being authority but not a lot of knowledge

Public and private organizations who have authorities for land and project development beyond DoD' authorities, e.g., NOAA and USFWS refuges and reserves.

understand what money can be spent on federal/nonfederal lands. How are you grants?

working with local planning committee: sit-down conversations: discuss planned activities that may impact sand migration/movement;

private sector landowner relationships partnerships

#### **Enablers across USG Broader DoD?**

Climate Adaptation Plan (CAP);

what is going on

add some

of these

regs into

contracts

congressional authorities: lag in

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hrough webinars/in

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oo many silos; have briefings

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the chain of command

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and demonstrations of hov

agencies doing lands management

looking at EWN solutions, first, before other (grey, reen) solutions. Guidance at the DOD level to change how solutions are developed

train project programmers on the value of EWN and how to present these types of solutions in their 1391s

> tie EWN to people; connecting it with the ability for people to be happy/healthy

#### Local communities?

- IICEP - Intergovernmental and Interagency Coordination for Environmental Planning.model; encourage local gov'ts and other foreign agencies to work together

> working with indigenous people; strengthening relationships

community planners on bases and training them to go out and engage with the wider community

community/ liaison planners training

### Standards?

For the standards make a specific UFC for EWN principles and applications

give bases credit for establishing sustainable sites

create a whole new land management directive that uses EWN principles first before traditional high cost landscape maintenance solutions.

compilation all best practices into one list and filtering through to see which ones are helpful/more applicable

#### Financial or investment priorities?

understand what money can be spent on federal/nonfederal lands. How are you attracting investments and grants?

create a decision making support tool box for the lanners and train them on how to use each tool like NEBA, MODA, LCCA and CB analysis

Incentivize Installation Planners to develop Climate Resiliency projects by proving extra "points" in the ranking criteria for MILCON programming for these projects.

need more funding (either from the gov't or outside grants, etc)

congress is looking to dump \$4 trillion; DoD to take advantage of that

#### **Culture** and Attitudes?

create some high level ecognition across the DOD that highlight and celebrate and reward installation that make early wins with this initiative.

encourage reward and celebrate installations who commission and conduct inside the fence or volunteer programs to install EWN solutions on their bases.

nighlight installations and use them as an example for others; positive reinforcement; celebrating achievements

demystify EWN; strategic "marketing"

**EWN** benefitting installations"

> eaders should model behaviors that others can follow in stallation management; create motivation instead of just creating incentives

Training and awareness may be helpful to help change culture so nature based solutions are taken seriously vs. gray solutions. Also, examples of other base will help other bases learn what others ave done that would be successful.

use gray opportunities to showcase green opportunities

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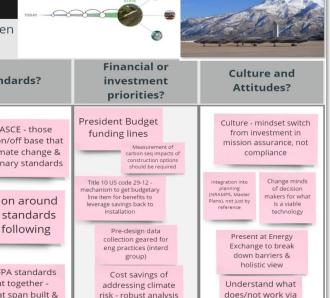
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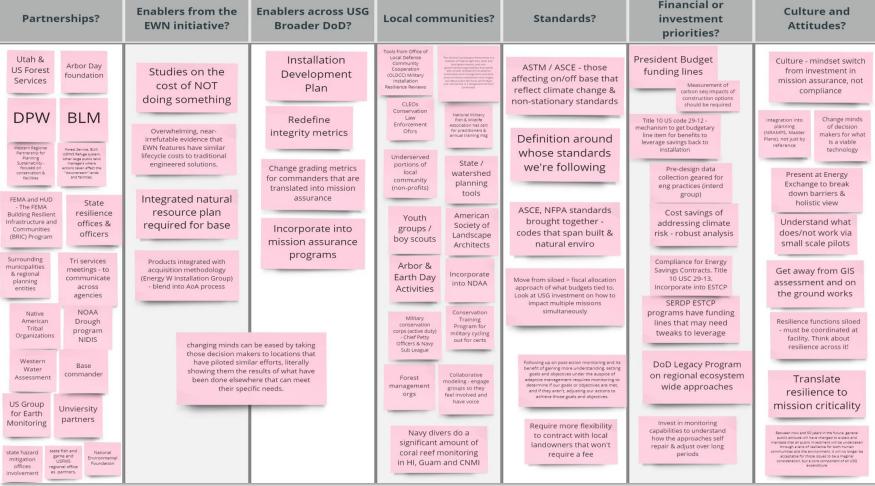
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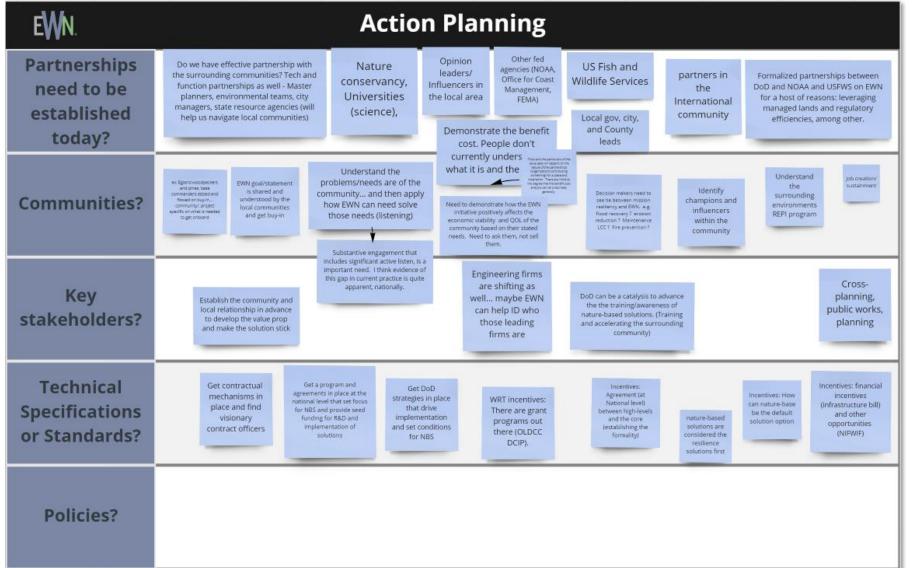
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Immediate Next Steps	Quick Wins	Long Climbs	Critical Partners
<ul> <li>Continued Engagement with the DoD Community – Leverage partnerships forged at the workshop to continue this work.</li> </ul>	Identifying and Establishing     Regional Stakeholder Groups –     Seek out regional stakeholder     pockets around key installations.	EWN Manual of Practice and UFC guidance — Enhancing the toolbox of engineers, planners, and designers.	<ul><li>DoD Leadership Champions</li><li>Installation Leadership</li></ul>
<ul> <li>Engage Congressional         Leaders to Impact Regionality         <ul> <li>Begin engaging Congress to</li> <li>bring awareness to regional</li> <li>impacts.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Identify Installations most Impacted by Climate Change – Begin engagement with installation commanders and DPWs.	Contracting Guidance and SOWs Specifically Tailored to NBS Requirements – Create specific guidance for project requirements.	<ul> <li>Interagency collaboration with FEMA, HUD, NOAA, and Other Federal Partners</li> <li>Regional and Local Community Players in and around Target Installations</li> <li>Regional and national environmental protection organizations</li> </ul>
Share new DoD Installations     Book – Execute marketing     around EWN Installations Book     to bring awareness.	Conduct data gathering efforts to support communications – Find more performance data to share broadly.	Sufficiently Funded Monitoring and Evaluation to Build Knowledge Base – Create programs to monitor performance and collect data	

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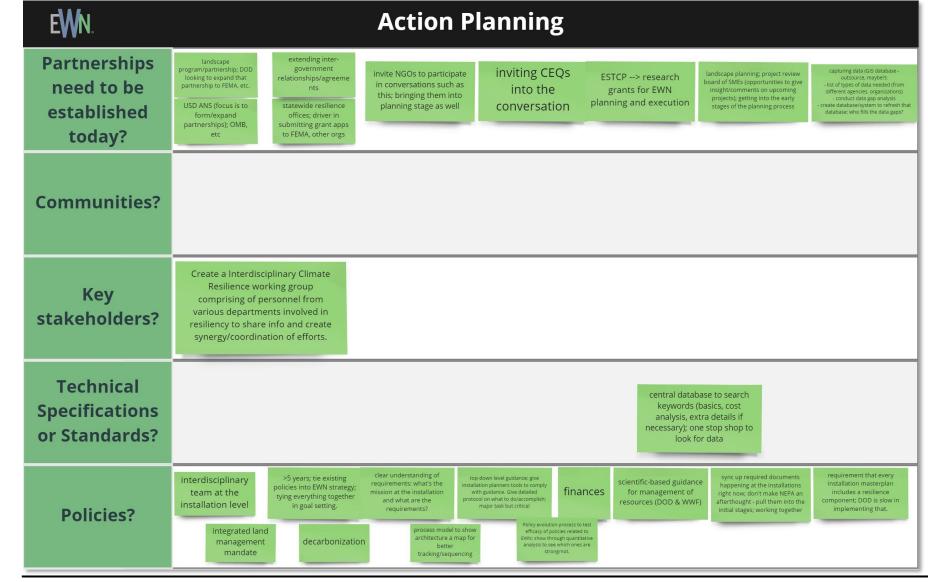


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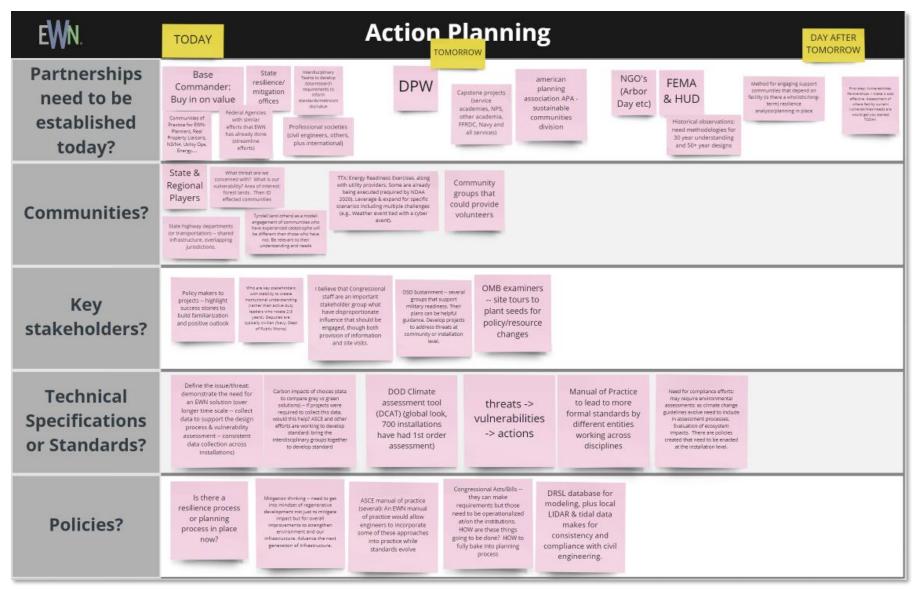


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